GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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GIRLS EDUCATION SCHEMES IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news-item captioned "Beech mein padhai chhodnewali ladkion ke liye nai yojana" appearing in the "Jansatta" dated December 25, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the Government are aware that benefits of any scheme announced by the Government hardly reach to the women or girl children of rural areas and instead the benefits go to the urban areas; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide benefits of such schemes to the rural areas ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Kishori Shakti Yojana (KSY), a new scheme aimed at all round development of adolescent girls has been introduced in 2000 blocks in the country as a part of the on-going Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS) Scheme during the year 2000-2001This intervention focuses on school drop outs-girls in the age group of 11-18 years, with a view to address the needs of self-development, nutrition, health, education and skill development.

(c)&(d) The scheme aims at providing services to adolescent girls primarily in rural areas.